

# ✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

## Newsletter - January 2011

The West Berks Mission District is a coalition of area Lutheran Churches working together to do effective, cooperative ministry. YOU are a member of the West Berks Mission District!

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### ***Ministry Report for 2010 – All Made Possible By Your Support!***

- † Our Lutheran Pantries, at seven different sites, together serve an average of 3,000 people per month! Sadly, nearly half of these are children. The pantries are hosted by Bethany, West Reading, and St. Luke's, Hope, Incarnation, St. Paul's, Christ-Glenside, and St. John's, in the city of Reading. Many of our congregations are also involved with food ministries in their local communities.
- † Emergency food boxes are available at the WBMD office for social service providers to deliver to their clients.
- † More than 210 people attended our Outdoor Worship services in the summer of 2010.
- † The WBMD "Love for Children" Day Camp provided a camp opportunity for children at 4 city and 1 rural Lutheran Church sites.
- † 35 office staff and Pastors enjoyed a Parish Office Professional's Appreciation Luncheon.
- † Tutoring/after-school programs continue to meet at 6 of our Lutheran Churches in the city.
- † Easter hams and Thanksgiving turkeys were provided to congregations for families in need.
- † Over 600 book bags were filled with school supplies and delivered to 18 Reading elementary and middle schools in September.
- † 99 people attended the Annual Lenten Prayer Breakfast.
- † Published monthly WBMD newsletters to be included with congregational newsletters.
- † WBMD Director attends meetings of the Clusters (and retired pastors meeting) to maintain communications with district Pastors.
- † Making congregations aware of the opportunity to assist homeless families through Family Promise of Berks County's Interfaith Hospitality Network.
- † The spring Bowl-a-Thon Fundraiser provides a fun activity for folks of all ages and the money raised allows for low-income children to attend Day Camp at no charge.
- † Over 100 youth and chaperones attended the annual WBMD Captive Free weekend event hosted by Grace Lutheran Church in Shillington.
- † Provide bookkeeping services for the Hospital Visitors Program and the Reading Lutheran Parish.
- † Office serves as a central communication hub and resource center.
- † Maintain a web site for WBMD congregations to advertise events and open positions.
- † Provide color copy service to our congregations at minimal cost.
- † WBMD laptop computer and projector are made available to congregations for special presentations.
- † Provide computer and office automation assistance.

**The 45 Lutheran Congregations of the West Berks Mission District are indeed serving our community in Jesus' name.**

***Thanks to YOU, together we are  
Witnessing Boldly; Making a Difference!***

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*Fall Assembly Highlights!*



Rev. Bennethum and WBMD Dean Rev. Carol Kehler

Rev. Mike Bennethum was recognized at the Fall Assembly for his 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of ordination. A free will offering was taken and \$610 was sent to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal in his honor.

*Imagine The Possibilities*  
**Cooperative Mission in Berks County**

Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 9-Noon  
At Christ Lutheran Church, Glenside

At the fall assembly, Rev. Dr. Mike Bennethum provided an overview of cooperative ministry and the many opportunities and models for shared ministry. Led by the Rev. Dr. Mike Bennethum, ELCA Director for Evangelical Mission, this event will help teams from congregations begin to explore creative possibilities for working together for the sake of our common mission.

Contact your church office for details & registration information.

**WBMD ANNUAL YOUTH EVENT**  
**with CAPTIVE FREE!**

**Friday-Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran in Tuckerton**

The Youth Event is open to all youth in Grades 7-12. Registration information has been e-mailed to the churches and is available on the web at [www.westberksmissiondistrict.org](http://www.westberksmissiondistrict.org).

Please check with your pastors or youth advisors if you would like to participate!

**CAPTIVE FREE will have a Concert at 7:00 PM Saturday evening that is open to everyone. Great for families! Free-will offering.**

**Position available –**

**Youth Director**

A youth director is needed for Trinity, Wernersville, to grow existing youth program. 10-15 hours per week. Christian background required. Email resume to [tlcworship@aol.com](mailto:tlcworship@aol.com) or send to 130 S. Walnut St. Wernersville, PA, 19565. Call 610.678.1782 for info.

**Registered Nurse**

A part-time 30 hours per month position for Registered Nurse at a non-profit medical clinic. Responsible for the medical aspects of patient care, working in conjunction with the Medical Director and Clinic Coordinator. Bilingual preferred. Must have malpractice insurance. Send Letter of Intent and resume to WBFM Clinic, 480 Big Spring Road, Robeson, PA 19551, FAX 610.698.8078, [wbfmclinic@verizon.net](mailto:wbfmclinic@verizon.net).

**Youth Ministry Leader**

Reformation Lutheran Church is seeking a youth ministry leader. This is a part time position up to 15 hours per week. Please contact the church office at 610-779-0534 or via email at [mail@reformationlutheran.org](mailto:mail@reformationlutheran.org) for a job description and more information

**Minister of Music**

Robeson Lutheran Church is seeking a Minister of Music. Position responsibilities include but are not limited to, two Sunday morning services each week and one Saturday evening service per month as well as weddings and funerals. Choir rehearsal is one evening per week. The Minister of Music shall supervise the music programs including Children's Choir, Worship Team, and Sunday school opening and attend regular Worship and Music Committee and weekly staff meetings. Send resume to Robeson Lutheran Church, Attn: Human Resources Committee, 3520 Plow Rd. Mohnton Pa. 19540. For more information and a complete position description, contact the church at 610-856-7242 or [ddemarco@dejazzd.com](mailto:ddemarco@dejazzd.com).



**WBMD Calendar of Events**

January 6 – Retired Leaders Group Breakfast  
January 15 – Cooperative Ministry Summit  
January 25 – WBMD Council Meeting, Atonement  
January 29 – *Arise and Shine* Children's Choir Event  
February 18-19 – Annual Youth Event with Captive Free,

Good Shepherd, Tuckerton

March 13 – Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser for Day Camp  
March 22 – WBMD Council Meeting, Nativity  
April 26 – West Berks WELCA Cluster  
May 5 – WBMD Spring Assembly  
June 17-18 – Synod Assembly & LIFT event at Muhlenberg College